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SEE WEDNESDAY'S REPUBLIC FOR LEADING MERCHANTS' MIDWEEK BARGAINS

COSSACKS INVADE KOREA TO MENACE JAPANESE FLANK

Vladivostok Squadron Suddenly Appears Off Korean Coast and Destroys Small Japanese Steamer.

DEPARTS WITHOUT ANY DELAY

Kuropatkin, It Is Expected, Will Become Supreme Commander of Czar's Forces.

SKRYDLOFF APPEARS WILLING

Operations Against General Inouye's Army, Russians Hope, May Have Important Bearing on Campaign.

St. Petersburg, April 25.-General Kuro patkin has played a strong card in the game of strategy.

A large portion of General Rennenkampff's Cossack division has been thrown across the upper reaches of the Yalu and a considerable force of cavalry which crossed the Tumen some time ago is moving down to the southwest to effect a juncture with it.

Together with this force, which, it is believed, totals 2,000 men, he will threaten Lieutenant General Inouye's right flank when the Japanese are ready to cross lower down on the Yalu. Being composed of cavalry with a few mountain guns. Rennenkampff's force is

extremely mobile.

Unless it should be dislodged it will compel the Japanese to leave a very strong army to guard the line of communication with Stoul, whereas, if a Japanese force be sent to drive it out it would have to

move directly away from the main army, while the Cossacks, if compelled to fall back, can recross in the direction of the Russian troops concentrated in Manchuria. HONORS FOR KUROPATKIN. General Kurepatkin, it is believed in the

highest military circles here, is destined to become commander-in-chief of all the Em-

ered practically ended. He will not be humiliated, but, in order to effect harmoni-ous relations, a way will be found to pecure his elimination

While Alexieff and Kuropatkin are on fairly good terms, harmonious relations between Vice Admiral Skrydioff and the Viceroy are considered impossible, and with the three enjoying independent commands, it is realized that friction ultimetely would be bound to arise, which might endanger successful operations. Skrydloff and Kuropatkin, on the con-

trary, are warm personal friends With Alexieff removed from the theater war, and in view of the patent necessity to have a supreme commander of both the army and navy on the ground, as well as to insure perfect harmony, Vice Admiral Skyrdloff, because of the minor role which the fleet will play, has alreday expressed his willingness to accept the post of Commander of the naval forces er General Kuropatkin, as Commander-in-Chief.

SQUADRON AT GENSAN. Tokio, April 25.-The Russian Vladivos tok squadron, after a long period of inactivity, suddenly appeared off Gensan, on the east coast of Korea, this morning and sank the Goyo Maru, a Japanese merchant stermer of 600 tons.

A brief telegram received from Gensa o-day says that three Russian cruisers had entered the harbor, sunk the small samer and immediately departed. Their arrival created consternation in the unpropanese colony at Gensan.

ought here in Tokio that this cal movement was made in the preepting some unprotected

Sorie ships.

Sea and Gulf of Chi-Li are beyond Chemulpo, And litt from Port Arthur and Port cruiser discovered one forty he Shan-Tung promontory and

EANS TO GO TO WAR R HAPPY EVENT DUE TAKE PLACE IN AUGUST.

BY CABLE TO THE ST. LOUIS RE AND THE NEW YORK HERALD. consider excellent authority, that the Emperor will go to the sect of war some in in August, the extended to the depending to trop family event did which is expected to take the about that cossing insected to take the subject of engineering inwhich is the subject of engr

Admiral Skrydloff had a long andlence with the Emperor to-day. The exture of what took place I am no in a position to say had a long and in a terest in court circles. position to say, but this much is known Admiral Skrydloff said he would do everythat he realized that the task posed upon him was well-nigh impossible

GREEK SECRETARY WOUNDED.

Squadron Sails for Smyrna After Report of Fight Is Brought. Athens, April 25.—An affray between Turkish gendarmes and Greeke is reported from Smyrna, in which M. Delymanris. secretary of the Greek consulate, was alightly wounded. Serious complications mey ensue. A Greek squadron has suffed for Smyrca.

PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE TO ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR WILL START WEST TO-DAY

Washington, April 25.-Secretary Taft, who is to represent the President and Cabinet at the opening of the St. Louis Exposition, will leave Washington tomorrow upon his trip. He goes alone, and travels unofficially, first to Lan- caster, and then to Pittsburg, Pa. He will address the Church Club of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, at Lancaster, to-morrow evening. Upon • · Wednesday, evening he will make an address before the Americus Club of

From Pittsburg he goes to Cincinnati, his home. There he will be joined by From Pittsburg he goes to Cincinnati, his home. There he will be joined by
 Lieutenant General Chaffee, Chief of Staff, and Captain Grote Hutcheson, Sixth

The Secretary and his party will be escorted from Cincinnati to St. Louis by the Cincinnati Commercial Club, traveling in a special train.

All the arrangements for the official appearance of the Secretary at the

opening exercises are completed. The special flag of the Secretary of War has been expressed to St. Louis. When the Secretary leaves the home of Mr. Dan Nugent to go to the Ex-

MANHOLE CAPS

BLOWN UP BY GAS.

Explosion on Olive Street Causes

Much Excitement Among

Pedestrians.

ESCAPING GAS THE CAUSE.

Narrow Escapes When Heavy

Castings Crash Upon Side-

walk After Fall of

Twenty Feet.

While Olive street was crowded with

vehicles and pedestrians late yesterday

afternoon, a terrific explosion of gas in

manhole of the Laclede Gas Light Com-

pany, on the north side of Olive near

Eleventh street, caused a loud report and

sent a flash of flame and two heavy iron

manhole caps high into the air.

As the panic-stricken persons on the

ddewalk ran in every direction, the fron

caps, which had risen twenty feet above

the street level, fell upon the sidewalk, crashing through the thick flagstones and

making radiating cracks like stars when

heavy casting. Persons walking west on

He did not have time to note the fall-

gotten a safe distance from the manhole,

and when he did see how narrowly he

had escaped death he hurried away, not

The manhole in which the explosion oc-

curred contains lighting and power cables

and pipes, and the theory of policemen

ploye of the Laclede Gas Light Company

was that escaping fuel gas had accumu-

Three Companies Prevent Crowd

From Lynching Negro Who

Assaulted White Girl.

Dallas, Tex., April 25.—A bulletin from Austin at midnight states that a mob of

3,000 has gone to the city to try to take

captured in Austin to-day and confessed.

Governor Lanham has three companie

The troops have two Gatling guns. The crowd lacks only a leader, in order to make an attempt to storm the jail, the

Gunboat Will Start on Last Lap of

Journey to St. Louis at Day-

break This Morning.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., April 25,-The

United States gunboat Nashville arrived

from Cairo at 4 o'clock this afternoon and

cast anchor about half a mile from Themis

street. She received visitors from 4 to 7

The officers of the boat are to be enter-

tained by the Commercial Club. The war-

ship will weigh anchor at daylight for St.

RECEIVES WELCOME AT PADUCAH.

Paducah, Ky., April 25.—The torpedo-boat destroyer Lawrence arrived here at 5 o'clock this afternoon and was welcomed by 3,000 people, who lined the levee. The boat will remain here all day to-morrow, and hundreds of persons will visit her.

her.
She departs Wednesday for St. Louis.
The Lawrence is taking her time downstream. The officers and crew will be entertained to-morrow night.

NASHVILLE DUE HERE THURSDAY.

Commander Hubbard So Informs

Harbor and Wharf Commissioner.

Harbor and Wharf Commissioner Joseph

P. Whyte received a communication from

Commander John Hubbard of the gunboat

Neshville, yesterday, saying that the naval

visitors would arrive some time Thurs-

day.

The Nashville left Cairo yesterday morninf for the run to St. Louis.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

NASHVILLE AT THE CAPE:

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

lated in the hole and had in some manne

SOLDIERS CHECK

saw the explosion and of an em-

MOB AT AUSTIN

ng of the caps until he turned to

stone is thrown upon ice.

when the explosion occurred.

stopping to ask any questions.

o position grounds, this flag will be carried by his escort

"SHUTTLE TRAINS" READY FOR FAIR

Wabash Union Station-Exposition Service Will Begin Saturday Morning.

CAPACITY 30,000 AN HOUR.

Schedule of Fifteen-Minute Intervals Can Be Changed to Meet Demands if Traffic Requires.

President Joseph Ramsey, Jr., announces that the Wabash "shuttle train" service between Union Station and the Wabash station at the World's Fair will begin Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Mr. Ramsey states that these trains

will leave Union Station and the World's Fair every fifteen minutes at first, but, if necessary, trains can be sent out at twominute intervals. Mr. Ramsey believes a reduction in the

fifteen-minute schedule will be necessary in the morning and evening, when the traffic to and from the Fair is exceptionally heavy. Previsions have been made to The last train will leave the Fair grounds

at 11:30 p. m., thirty minutes after the closing bell has been rung, and the first train will leave Union Station every morning at 8 o'clock.
In the twelve minutes in which the

peror's forces, both military and naval, in trains will make the trip between the Exposition and Union Station they will be Alexieff may remain there for some little absolutely under the control of the Block al system, making it impossible no matter how brief the intervals between them, to have a rear-end collision

The line between the terminal points ha also been double-tracked, and every precaution taken to avoid accidents of any kind by keeping it free of all other traffic, laying heavy rails and providing watchmen at crossings.

The trains will consist of ten coaches each coach having a capacity of 100 persons, but the length of the trains will be ncreased or diminished as the traffic requires, though it is not expected that any of the trains will consist of more than ten coaches, which will afford seating room for 1,000 persons.

NEW CARS AND ENGINES. The 150 new cars ordered for this servce have arrived. They are patterned after the cars used by the Illinois Central at the Columbian Exposition, but have many conveniences which have been invented since then. The cars have four doors or each side, and, while provided with windows, in order that they may be weather proof, can be thrown open as completely as a summer car. The Wabash has a bought fifteen new engines especially for

While it is not expected that the full capacity of this service will be drawn upon in the earlier days of the Fair, it is tated that, if required, the Wabash can carry 30,000 persons either from or to the Fair every hour.

Two tracks at Union Station have been reserved for the exclusive use of the Wabash "shuttle trains," and arrangements will be provided at the Union and Fair stations by which the crowds using these trains may be safely and easily nandled, and the incoming throngs will not become confused with the outgoing.

The platforms will be built on the level with the car floors, and it is believed that the trains can be unloaded in two minutes. as the passengers are not required to ascend or descend a flight of steps to and from the train from any of the four

TWO TRAINMEN

B. & O. and Vandalia Fast Mail Trains Collide Near Eight-

Inbound Vandalia train No. 11 and outgoing B. & O. fast mall train No. 4 col-

lided just east of the Eighteenth street bridge at 2:15 o'clock this morning. Engineer Reilly, on a Terminal engine. pulling the B. & O. train, and his fire-

man, C. Reed, were seriously injured. They were removed to St. Mary's Inrmary. The crew pulling the Vandalla

ain escaped injury by jumping. misunderstands in signals is said be cause of the wreck.

Both engines were detailed and the first mat car on both trains left the tracks.
The passengers escaped injury.

EXCITED PRIEST THREATENS LOUBET

POLICE SEEK HIM IN VAIN.

Victor Emmanuel-Veterans of Italy's Army Are Reviewed.

Rome to kill President Loubet

The editor of the Italia sent for the po-



Vhose visit to the King of Italy is attractmuch attention because of the relation between his country and the Vatican.

One man seemed to be directly in the course of the failing caps, each of which disappeared. The police then arrested sevfrom fright as he made a leap foward All search for this priest has proved un-

President Loubet, who arrived in Rome vesterday, went with a royal cortege to the Pantheon to-day to lay wreaths on the tombs of King Victor Emmanuel II and King Humbert.

He was received by veterans of the Ital-

nature, President Loubet speaking to each veteran, some of whom wore medal gained while fighting in 1859 with the French against Austria. With the same ortege President Loubet then drove to the Palazzo Margherita, formerly the seat of the American Ambassador, to pay visit to the Queen mother, Margherita. He

LEADING TOPICS

GRAIN CLOSED-ST. LOUIS: JULY

from the county jail the negro who assaulted and murdered Lula Sandberg last Thursday near Manor. The negro was WHEAT 80c BID: JULY CORN 46c BID JULY CORN 474@47%c.

of National Guards surrounding the jail. WEATHER INDICATIONS. For St. Louis and Vicinity-Clear bulletin says.

The mob is crowding so hard on the soldiers that they are holding it off at the point of the bayonet.

For Illinois-Fair Tuesday Wednesday. LAWRENCE AT PADUCAH.

Wednesday; warmer Wednesday.

I. River Passes Danger Mark on East Cossacks Invade Korea. Taft Starts for St. Louis To-Day.

Hungary Fears General Strike,

Trying to Force Cannon in Line. . The Republic's Daily Racing Form Think Kaiser May Visit World's Fair

5. Paschall Scores Zditorial.

Negro Gets Letter from Pope Plus X Car Department Employes Strike. Doeme Publishes Lawyer's Letters. Saloon Proprietors Cited.

8. World's Fair News.

9. Financial News. Summary of St. Louis Markets. . Republic "Want" Ads. Birth, Marriage and Death Records.

11. Recms for Rent Ads. 12. Republic "Want" Ads. 13. News From Nearby Cities.

14 Fight With Cue and Teeth.

RIVER RISES ABOVE DANGER LINE; EAST SIDE PREPARING FOR 35-FOOT STAGE

Tells Editor of Italian Newspaper RIVERS, SWOLLEN President of France. BY HEAVY RAINS,

Missouri and Kansas Are

Out of Banks.

Great Sni Bottom Near Louisiana, Mo., Expected to Be

Ruined by Water.

KANSAS CITY FEELS SAFE.

Missouri River at Jefferson City

Is Within Ten Feet of Last

Year's High Mark-Tribu-

taries Are Raging.

at the Hannibal bridge was 19.9 feet, 1.1

feet below the danger line, and 15 feet be-

low the highest mark reached last year,

two feet by Wednesday morning.

boat can cross the swift river.

EPUBLIC SPECIAL

nine inches here to-day,

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

ple and stock to flee.

water mark for this year.

8nt bottom seems almost certain

The loss of the steel span of the Twenth

months in the completion of that struc

street bridge means a delay of three

FLOODS ABOUT JEFFERSON CITY.

Missouri River Within Ten Feet of

Last Year's High Mark.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 25,-The Mis-

ouri River to-night was within ten feet

of the record made last year, and was

still rising at the rate of an inch an hour.

the low portions of the river-bottom land

were covered to-day, and residents of the

upper bottoms in Callaway County moved

out to higher ground, profiting by their

experience of last year, when they lost

nearly everything by disregarding the

warning. The Government guage to-night

registered 21.6 feet, which is two feet

are higher than ever known before.

SNI BOTTOMS SEEM DOOMED.

Rising Rapidly.

the past forty-eight hours, and continue

tary of the Mississippi, between the Mis-

The Mississippi has risen one and one

reach a stage of thirteen feet, the high-

The destruction of the wheat crop in the

JAMESTOWN BRIDGE IS GONE.

Structure Which Has Stood Since

1872 Washed Away.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

35 feet on June 1.

no alarm prevailed.

City.

Pope Probably Will Make Protest Against Visit to King Rivers and Creeks Throughout

this city that there was a plot against the life of President Loubet of France, and sassinate him, appears to have originated in the fact that a French priest went to the office of the Italia, where, becoming excited, he cried that he had come to



ice, but before they arrived the priest had staff of the Italia recognize the excited clergyman who had visited the office.

Those surrounding the Pope assert that he has expressed his intention to protest against the visit of President Loubet to Rome, on the ground that it is the first occasion on which the head of a Catholic country has visited the Quirinal since the fall of the temporal power of the Popes. It s not known when or under what form the protest will be issued.

inn Army.

The function was of a most impressive

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TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

ng; much colder; variable winds shifting to high northerly.
For Missouri-Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; warmer Wednesday in

west. For Arkansas-Fair Tuesday and

2. The Stage.

Good Progress Shown by Y. M. C. A. Fayette County Republicans Split. Family Sleeps as Wind Moves House

REPUBLIC SPECIAL, California, Mo., April 25.-It has been raining heavily in this county since Saturday. Probably six inches of water have Mounted District to Have Court, fallen. The creeks and streams are all out of their banks. The principal damuge is to growing wheat on bottom lands. which may prove severe. The Jamestown

> 1872, was washed away last night. It is raining to-night. BOATS IN SEDALIA'S STREETS. Persons Compelled to Wade in Water

bridge, a huge structure across Monitenu

Creek, that has withstood the floods since

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Sedalia. Mo., April 25.—The clothburge in Sedalia and vicinity yesterday afteroon caused more damage than was realized last night. The total rainfall reported by the Government official was 5.1 inches, during less than four hours of storm. The streets were flooded, and boats were used on some of the avenues tot aid people to cross streets.

Mayor Cook Says East St. Louis Is Safe From This Flood-Residents of Tri-Cities Alarmed and Are Building Levees With Sand Bags-Many Families in Lowlands Arrange to Move-Railroads Are Rushing Trainloads of Dirt for Additional Embankments-Damages Reported in Big Muddy Valley and Near Creve Coeur Lake—Clear Weather Predicted.

CAUSE GREAT LOSS ST. LOUIS LEVEE MERCHANTS ARE MOVING THEIR GOODS.

FORECASTER BOWIE PREDICTS STEADY RISE OF RIVER TO-DAY.

BOATS IN SEDALIA STREETS. it may reach the 35-foot mark by Thursday. The stage of the river last midnight

At Keokuk, Ia., the precipitation for forty-eight hours was 1.74 inches.

At Davenport the rainfall was .40 inches. At Kansas City the rainfall was

2.48 inches.

The rise of the river is one of the

It has risen more than six feet since Sunday.
 The water is backing up in the creeks around East St. Louis, but Mayor

Cook declares the city will be ready to withstand the anticipated rise.

The greatest danger is about twenty miles north of East St. Louis, where the levee broke last year. At Venice men were at work last night making a
 sand-bag dike to protect the railroad tracks and the town.

Almost incessant rains for the last only source of danger is from the front. forty-eight hours in nearly all the counties of Missouri have swollen streams far beyond their banks, and the situatiton, while not attended by the loss of life, is a serious one, because of the great damage that has been done, and will be done if the downpour does not cease.

At several places the rain was accon panied by high winds, which wrecked farm buildings and outhouses.

Kansas City, Mo., April 25.-At 7 o'clock The danger of flood from the Missouri to-night the depth of the Missouri River River is not yet alarming, although if the stream continues to rise at its present rate for another forty-eight hours the danger line will be much exceeded. At Kansas City the stage last night was

The rise in the Kaw River, according to feet below the mark of last spring's rise. The Kaw River there has risen 6 feet about six feet since Saturday morning, It since Saturday morning.
Salt River, the largest tributary of the
Mississippi between Missouri and Des s expected that both the Missouri and Kaw rivers will show a further rise of

Louisiana, Mo., and the Sni bottoms be-low the town are threatened. A telephone message from Topcka at 6 o'clock said that the river was only six At Sedalia the rain was the heaviest of feet above a normal stage, had been staany place in the State. Water ran through the streets waist deep and many persons

tionary since 1 o'clock to-day and that went about in cances. The rain at Nevada was accompanied by The records, according to Observer Cona hard wind, which wrecked several resinor, should occasion no alarm. He does not believe there is danger of a flood at

dences in the country near there. The Gasconade and Page rivers are The most serious damage wrought by steadily rising, and persons about Jeffer-

the high water was to the pile bridges son City in the lowlands are becoming frightened. and the substructure under the new bridges now being built. At 5 o'clock A flood of 25 feet, expected Thursday, this morning the current tore out the footwill not embarrass East St. Louis this

bridge between Argentine and Kansas year, it is said. The experience in handling the flood of Argentine is almost completely cut off last year, when it reached a stage of 38 from the surrounding cities to-day, as no feet, has proven beneficial to Mayor and the city authorities, and the Mayor The loss of the footbridge caused the has begun preparations to protect the city toppage of street-car trame in the city.

from the high water. In this he will be assisted by the railroads and the East St. Louis and Suburban Electric Railroad and the Terminal

Railroad Association. Arrangements were made last evening much work, which will be started this morning.

The City Council meeting was adjourned yesterday afternoon to enable Mayor Cool to make arrangements with Superintendent Ewing of the Illinois Central Railroad for a dyke, which the railroad is to build from their shops at Trendley avenue to the viaduct at Broadway.

bankment from Trendley avenue to the bluffs. All of the arrangements were made last night and a gang of several hundred men will be put to work this morning. RAILROADS RUSHING WORK ON EMBANKMENTS.

over the danger line. The river rose General Manager McChesney of the Terminal Railroad Association told Mayor The Page River which empties into the Cook last night that he would rush a train lissouri River eight miles below here, is load of dirt to East St. Louis in the mornhigher than ever known, and still rising. ing to strengthen the Terminal embank Reports received here from the Gasment on the southwest side of the city. onade and the Moreau indicate that they Mr. McChesney also assured Mayor Cool that he would furnish the city with all of the assistance possible and would d more if necessary than was done last year A proffer of assistance in any possib Streams About Louislana, Mo., Arc way was made to Mayor Cook last evening by Mesers. L. C. Haynes and J. M Bramlette of the East St. Louis and Sub-Louisiana, Mo., April 25,-A steady urban Electric Railroad, who stated that ownpour of rain has prevailed here for they placed themselves subject to his call, and that they would duplicate the efforts to-night. Salt River, the principal tribuin behalf of the city they made last year. Mayer Cook last evening comunicated souri and the Des Moines, is a raging torwith the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and rent, destroying crops and compelling peothe Vandalla Railroad officials to secure the use of steam shovels which they have near the bluffs, so that all of the clay hours, and by morning will probably

necessary can be secured at short no Manager Frank Horner of the East St. Louis Waterworks Company yesterday morning ordered a trainload of coal for the waterworks and this morning he will be gin the construction of a dyke around the waterworks plant to keep the water from the boilers and engines.

Mr. Horner stated that if the water reaches a stage of thirty-five feet the filtered water basins would be covered, but that the city would be supplied with settled water.

BELIEVE RIVER FRONT WILL BE IMPREGNABLE.

Last evening the Wiggins Ferry Com-Dyke, where cars are transferred acros the river. It was stated that no freight had been rejected with the exception of freight to the Wabash and Chicago, Pec ria and St. Louis Railroads. This was caused by washouts above East St. Louis It is said that a stage of 34 feet can be

withstood by the Ferry Company Many persons visited Cahokia Creek, to see the water rush upstream. The rise i the creek has kept pace with the rise in the river and it is expected that by day the Vandalla slough will be con-

nected with the creek. There is much water in the lowlands but it is not expected that this will affect the city, as what is recognized as the

The river front, it is believed, can be made impregnable this time, as it was last, and it is also believed that the danger of another break in the Illinois Central embankment, such as occurred last year, can be prevented.

"DANGER LINE" REACHED; LITTLE LOCAL DAMAGE.

At St. Louis the river has reached the danger line of 30 feet, and the water is at the top of the brow of the Levee, filling the cellurs of the buildings along

the river front.

The rise is one of the most rapid ever recalled by rivermen, Sunday the gauge showed 34½ feet. Yesterday morning it marked 35 feet-a rise of three and one-half feet during the night.

Owing to precautions taken since the flood of last year, the loss along the river front will not be great. Lumbermen in North St. Louis have been piling lumber will. quite a distance from the water's edge Moines rivers, is out of its banks near since their experience last year.

Occupants of the stores along the Leves

have started to remove their goods from the cellars and first floors of the buildings, out of reach of the water.

Although the loss at St. Louis and vicinity will be slight, steamboatmen declare

that if a 35-foot stage is reached it will play havec with the wheat crop on farms between St. Louis and Cairo. Last year the crop was ruined by the high water. Difficulty is also expected in operating the railroad transfer steamers across the

and Carondelet and East Carondelet. FAIR AND COOLER, THE WEATHER PREDICTION. Forecaster Bowie predicts a 23.5-foot stage to-night, and thinks the river may

ise to 35 feet by Thursday. In forty-eight hours there was about inches of rainfall throughout Missouri. The flood signals were sent out early yesterday from the Government Weather

Bureau, and all day the office force of the forecaster was kept busy answering questions about the rapidly rising river. The entire western part of the State s interlaced with rising streams; every creek and river north of the Ozarks which contributes to the Missouri, and eventually to the Mississippi, is overflowing its banks. The Osage registered 19 feet at Bagnall. while in some places in the western coun-

to the flood which is rushing toward the To get into telegraphic communication with any smaller towns in the western countles was impossible. A telephone

ties eight inches of rain had fallen to add

station and telegraph office were both u The rains are believed to have reached their limit for the present and much cooler weather is predicted for to-day. The storm is expected to move slowly

GRANITE CITY RESIDENTS WATCHING BIG LEVEE.

Citizens of Granite City, Ill., are anxlously looking to the big Madison County levee for protection from the thirty-five oot flood predicted by the Weather Bureau. Many of the citizens do not believe the levee will hold after having been venkened by the flood last year,

Residents of the higher part of town do not expect serious results from the threatened flood, as last year their houses re-After the last flood, the levee at Granite bers of the Board of Madison County evee Commissioners say the embankment s not yet in the best of shape and that

it would hardly stand a thirty-five-foot The most dangerous point in the levee levees which protect the town of Mitchell It was these cross-levees which first broke last year, letting the flood down

Granite City, Madison, Venice and East St. Louis. Frederick Kohl of Venice, Levee Commissioner of Madison County, in discussing the condition of the Madison County levee, which protects the East Side cities

last night said: "At Granite City the levee is strong enough, but at Mitchell, above Granite, where it first broke last year, it is not so strong. Contractors have been at work upon it, but have been delayed by bad

"A force of men are now working at Mitchell, filling in the break of last year."

SAND-BAG LEVEE

BUILT AT VENICE.

At Venice, Ill., the water is one foot above the danger line and is threatening

HURT IN WRECK eenth Street Bridge.